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Police increase reward up to \$10,000 in July motel murder *Kenneth Frizzell Diggs, Jr., wanted in fatal shooting of Amanda Duer*

Howard County police have doubled the reward and are asking for the public's help in locating the suspect who is wanted for shooting and killing a woman in a Laurel motel in July, and injuring a second victim.

An arrest warrant was issued for Kenneth Frizzell Diggs, Jr., 47, of no fixed address, for the murder of Amanda Duer, 29, of La Plata, and attempted murder of Derick Henderson, 33, of Washington, D.C. Detectives are offering an increased reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to Diggs' arrest.

Police were called to the Turf Motel in Laurel July 2 for a report of a shooting. Officers arrived and found two victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Duer was transported to Laurel Regional Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Henderson was taken to Shock Trauma with a gunshot wound to the leg. He was treated and released from the hospital.

Investigators believe that Diggs and the victims knew one another and were involved in a dispute. According to witnesses, Diggs entered the doorway of the victims' motel room and fired shots at both of them.

Diggs is charged in the arrest warrant with murder, attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment, burglary and firearms violations. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to call 410-313-STOP or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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